

ASBESTOS LABELLING

The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 requires the management of asbestos materials left in-situ to prevent inadvertent exposure to asbestos fibre, released by damage or unplanned work.

The management process can be helped by the labelling of asbestos materials to warn of its presence and that safety precautions must be followed when working on such materials.



Following the Management (formerly Type “2”) asbestos survey the Property Consultant will discuss with the establishment and carry out the labelling of the more fibrous forms of asbestos materials such as limpet spray, pipework lagging etc.

For other forms of asbestos materials a supply of warning labels (as per the example above) will be provided to the establishment at the same time as the Asbestos Management Folder. The establishment can then carry out a risk assessment and label the asbestos materials identified in the Asbestos Management Folder to suit their own site management procedures. Some labelling of known asbestos materials of this type will be carried out at the time of the management asbestos survey.

It is recommended that asbestos materials in the following un-occupied locations are labelled:-

- Boilerhouses and plant rooms.
- Storerooms and store cupboards.

Warning: It should be noted that attaching warning labels to asbestos materials in occupied areas can cause other problems. Experience has shown that advertising the fact that asbestos is present alerts vandals to the opportunity of causing damage knowing that the area could be put out of action for a period of time.

The labels provided will be self adhesive and will not represent a risk when carefully applied to asbestos materials. Any signage applied should be maintained in a good condition.

Additional signs are available from the Property Consultant on request.

Due to the lower risk level and/or the practicalities of labelling such asbestos materials the following should **NOT** be labelled:-

- Vinyl floor tiles.
- External asbestos cement roof tiles, roof sheeting and rainwater goods.
- Asbestos materials that would require specialist access equipment to reach.